WEST VIRGINIA:

 At a special session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

 Present: Gene Buckner, President

 Present: Bill Archer, Commissioner

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

THE MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION WILL MEET IN A SPECIAL SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION COURTROOM. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Resolution of Support for the Rails to Trails Grant
2. Re-Open the Estate of Jarrell C. Alford

 GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT

 MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION

RE: RESOLUTION – SUMMERS COUNTY TRAIL PROJECT

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution Supporting Summers County Trail Project.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING**

**SUMMERS COUNTY TRAIL PROJECT**

**Whereas**, the counties of Mercer and Summers, West Virginia have enjoyed nearly a century and one-half of good relations befitting our position as neighboring counties; and

**Whereas**, the Summers County Commission has had a long-standing commitment to protecting its precious natural resources and providing outdoor recreational activities to citizens as well as visitors of all ages and genders – a commitment that Mercer County shares; and

**Whereas**, the Summers County Commission is currently seeking support for its application to the West Virginia Division of Highways for its “Summers County Trail Project 2018” that seeks to design and develop a trail system for hikers, mountain bicycle riders and horseback riders along the New and Bluestone Rivers from the West Virginia border with Virginia at Glen Lyn, Virginia, through Hinton and Sandstone to the north, as well as to connect Camp Creek, Pipestem and Bluestone State Parks to the southwest through Mercer County; and

**Whereas**, the Mercer County Commission is also seeking support for the “Bluestone River Trails Group Project 2018” that would travel along the Bluestone River and its major tributaries to connect Bramwell and surrounding communities with Camp Creek, Pipestem and Bluestone State Parks; and

**Whereas**, the Mercer County Commission is working in tandem with the Summers County Commission to connect their dual trail systems in order to establish a unique hiking, mountain biking and equestrian experience through this portion of the Allegheny Mountain Range with the goal of stimulating economic development through tourism, healthier activities for our citizens as well as showcasing the region’s incredible natural beauty to a new wave of prospective residents.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Mercer County Commission offers its support for the “Summers County Trail Project 2018, and encourages the WV DOH to consider the tremendous potential for a two-county initiative to benefit residents as well as guests to the beauty of southern West Virginia.

**DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY 2018.**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION:** /s/ Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Gene Buckner, President**

 /s/ Greg Puckett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Greg Puckett, Commissioner**

/s/ Bill Archer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

RE:: ESTATE – JARRELL C. ALFORD – DECEASED

***BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA***

**IN RE: JARRELL C. ALFORD, DECEASED.**

**O-R-D-E-R**

On the 17th day of January, 2018, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Jarrell C. Alford, upon petition of Juanita M. Alford, the sole heir and former Administratrix, requesting that the estate be reopened for the purpose of cashing settlement checks which are payable to the estate. Juanita M. Alford requested that she be allowed to reopen the estate and serve as Administratrix without bond.

 After a discussion and review of this matter by the Commission, upon proper motion and second, and it appearing proper to do so, the Commission **ORDERS** that Juanita M. Alford be allowed to reopen the estate of Jarrell C. Alford.

 The Commission further **ORDERS** that Juanita M. Alford be allowed to qualify as Administratrix without bond.

 All of which was accordingly **ADJUDGED** and **ORDERED.** The Clerk of this Commission is **DIRECTED** to take whatever actions he deems necessary to effectuate this Order**.**

Dated thisthe17th day of January, 2018.

 **ENTER:**

/s/ A. Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A. GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT**

 **MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Verlin T. Moye\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS – TRAVIS COLONNA

This day Travis Colonna, Recorder for the Town of Matoaka appeared before the County Commission to discuss issues in the Town. The Matoaka Council Members have decided to start the process of making the town unincorporated and asked for assistance from the County Commission. Public comments were also received from Marsha Howell, Mayor and Sherry Sharpe, Council Member.

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

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